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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 9, 11 and 12 remain in the application with claims 1 and 9 being independent.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the extrusions are solid as distinguished from the hollow members in Eagles '962 and that solid portions are removed behind the extrusions at the mitre joint and replaced with solid material as distinguished from the "vulcanizing" of the mitred edges of the joint, i.e., leaving the joint hollow. Wain '849 is deficient as it does retain the integrity of the front surfaces.

The specification on page 4, line 8, recites that "the back of each extrusion 10 is cut away along a line 30 at the back of the extrusions". Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the rear of each extrusion is removed along a line behind the front surfaces and that the plastic is injected along that line. This step clearly distinguishes over Eagles '962 wherein a hollow tube (not a solid) has the base 20 and retrieving 21 portions removed but not along a line extending across the mitred joint. Wain '849 is deficient as it does not teach removal of a solid portion along a line.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

All of the objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Fourth Amended) A method of forming a joint between two plastics extrusions having front and rear surfaces with solid material between said surfaces comprising; mitring the extrusions so they form the desired angle to one another at a mitre joint, removing a solid part of the rear face of each extrusion behind said front surfaces while maintaining the integrity of said front surface of each extrusion, placing the mitred extrusions in a mould and injecting a resin material to restore the solid shape and bond the extrusions to one another across the mitred joint beneath the front surfaces and produce the desired joint configuration whereby the front surface of the joint is entirely defined by the front [surfacee] surfaces of the mitred extrusions.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A method of forming a joint between two plastic extrusions of solid material having front and rear surfaces comprising the steps of;
mitring the extrusions at mitred ends so that they form the desired angle to one another at the [mitred] mitred ends,
removing solid portions of the rear surface of each extrusion along a line at [a] the mitred ends behind the front surfaces to maintain the front surfaces to maintain the integrity of the front surfaces at the mitred ends,
placing the mitred extrusions in a mold to form a mitred joint with the front surfaces abutting one another at the mitred joint,

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injecting a plastic material into the mold along the line to rebuild the removed portion with a solid plastic material and bond the extrusions together across the mitred joint beneath the front surfaces.

Please cancel claim 10.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim [10 ~~wherein said predetermined shape includes~~] 9 including at least one [seal] sealing lip on the rear surface and injecting the plastic material into the mold to form a continuation of the [seal] sealing lip between the extrusions.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim [10 ~~wherein said predetermined shape includes~~] 9 including male foot portions for insertion into a channel to retain the extrusions to a structure and injecting the plastic material into the mold to form at least one extension of the foot portions.